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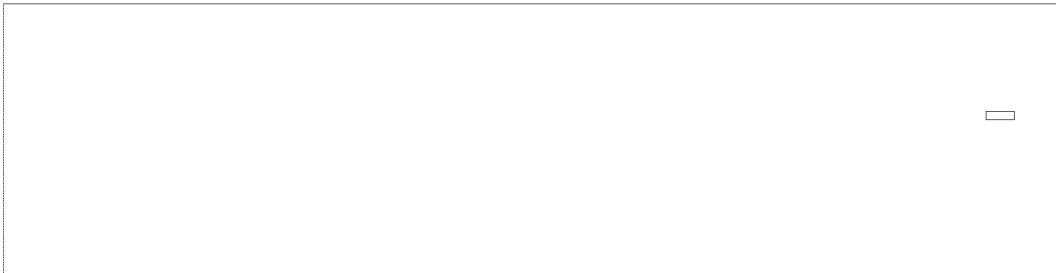
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I. NOTES ON THE SITUATION



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British Group Plans Visit to North Vietnam: A
25-member British "peace group" plans to leave on
23 December for a visit to North Vietnam, according
to a British press report. A spokesman for the group

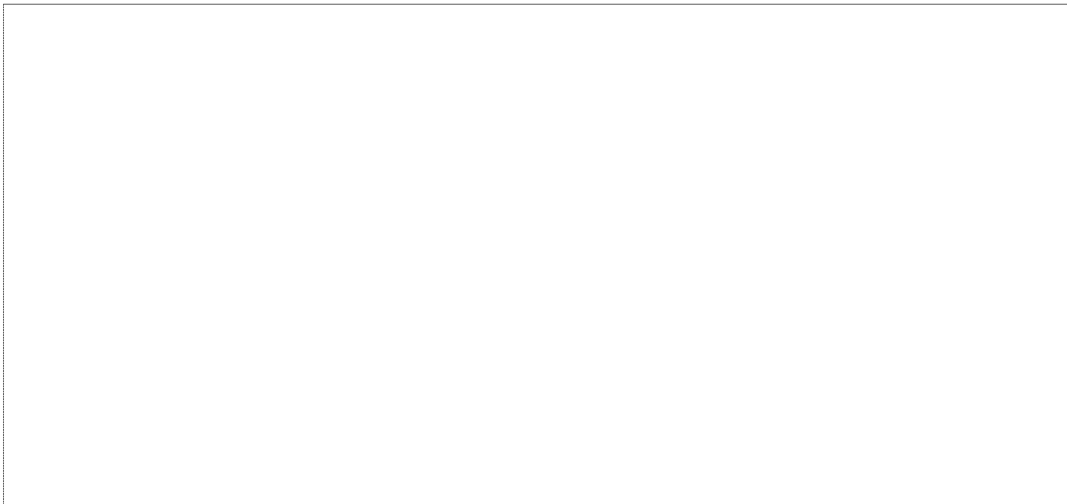
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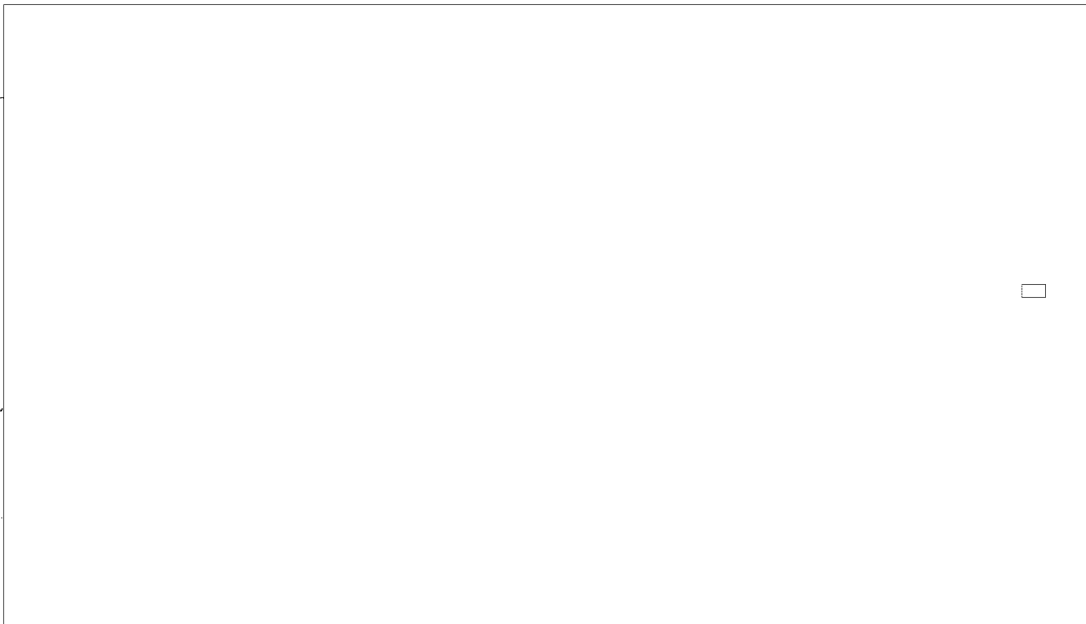
stated that they planned to "share the dangers" of bombing with the Vietnamese people and to bring medical supplies for those injured in air raids. He claimed that the group did not align themselves with the "military objectives of either side" but said that they hoped their presence in North Vietnam would "bring home to people the killing of human beings who want peace and an end to suffering." The group is currently trying to raise funds to finance the trip.

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II. NORTH VIETNAMESE REFLECTIONS OF US POLITICAL ATTITUDES ON THE WAR

Viet Cong Message to US Navy Deserters: On 25 November the Viet Cong's committee for "solidarity" with the American people sent a message to the four US Navy deserters from the aircraft carrier Intrepid. The message [redacted] welcomes the "courageous act" of the sailors and their statements "unveiling the truth" about the US Government's "unjust, immoral, and illegal war" in Vietnam. The Viet Cong expresses confidence that the deserters will be supported by youths in the US, as well as young American servicemen still serving in the armed forces.

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More on Dissent: A 28 November Hanoi international broadcast in English has listed a series of antiwar demonstrations in the US without providing any further comment. The broadcast reported that 100 veterans of the Vietnam war--including many officers--claimed that the war was "unjust and against the interests of the American people." According to Hanoi, the 100 ex-servicemen demanded that the American Government immediately end the war in South Vietnam and withdraw American troops.

A "Black GI" in San Francisco was quoted as saying that he would risk a five-year prison term rather than fight in the "war of aggression in Vietnam. America is the black man's battleground," he reportedly declared. Finally, the broadcast reported that more than 250 students paraded on the campus of the University of Wisconsin on 20 November "in spite of wet snow" to protest against interviews by US Navy and Marine personnel recruiting "for the aggressive war in Vietnam."

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